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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Subject: PSB Midday Meeting, January 15, 1953,
in Mr. Foster's office.

Present: David K. E. Bruce
William C. Foster
W. Bedell Smith
Averell Harriman
Alan G. Kirk

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The Board took up several matters prior to the formal meeting held at 2:45 p.m. They are as follows:

✓ Chinese Intellectuals

Mr. Bruce gave Mr. Harriman a letter in which the Department of State agreed to assume administrative responsibility for an interim program to aid Chinese refugee intellectuals.

✓ Moscow Purge of Doctors

This event was discussed by those present with the view of examining whether any action by PSB was necessary. It was agreed that as the matter was being handled now by State and CIA, the Board would await further developments.

✓ Rosenberg Case

The members discussed the various propaganda operations going on currently in connection with clemency in this case. The Board felt that no further action by it was necessary at the present time.

✓ Method of Approval of Formal Board Minutes

It was agreed that as each item on the agenda for the formal meeting was handled, the secretary would record the action of the Board as definitive. In other words, it would not be necessary to pass the minutes around for further approval.

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Escapes from the Soviet Orbit: Phase B

Mr. Bruce made a presentation of the attitude of the Department of State in connection with the escapees in the Berlin area. After considerable discussion, the members agreed to the modification of the opening sentence in paragraph 2 a. of the plan, which would meet the objections of State. This correction of the plan was accepted by the Board at its formal meeting.

Alan G. Kirk,
Director.

cc: General Smith. ✓

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